

Poisons Turned To Whisky by Bootleg 'Kings'

Chicago Prohibition Office Uncovers What Director Calls "World's Greatest" Illicit Liquor Ring

Bluing Firm Concerned Dry Agents Say Thousands of Gallons of Denatured Alcohol Were Redistilled

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Disclosure of the existence of what is characterized by Colonel L. G. Nutt, Associated Director of Prohibition for the Central States, as "the world's greatest bootlegging ring," operating through the redistillation of various trade brands of denatured alcohol and extending in scope from a leading bluing factory in Minneapolis to a vast distilling plant in Illinois, was made this noon by officials of the Chicago prohibition office.

Although Colonel Nutt announced that no definite figures are yet available, he indicated that the ring has already redistilled thousands of barrels of patent preparations of denatured alcohol.

Colonel Nutt and members of the local prohibition forces became aware that wholesale bootlegging was going on in the Central States about two months ago, when local agents reported a jump in the sales of denatured alcohol preparations out of all proportion with normal demand. An investigation, supervised by Colonel Nutt, was started immediately, resulting several days ago in the raiding of the Minnesota Bluing Company, in Minneapolis, and the raiding and arrest of four farmers near Glasford, Ill., in a barn which was fitted up as a distillery.

When the Chicago office discovered excessive sales of patent preparations of denatured alcohol agents were sent immediately to watch these consignments.

Discovery that hundred-barrel consignments were periodically going forward to the Minnesota Bluing Company led to the transmission of a request that the Minnesota prohibition office investigate.

Minnesota agents watched the plant of the company until August 20, when several trucks drove up to the concern and started loading barrels.

A raid was made under the direction of Minnesota Division Chief E. E. Hunt, of the Minneapolis office. One hundred barrels of "reclaimed" whisky, manufactured from the redistillation of the denatured alcohol, was seized, it is charged.

The following men, found within the plant were taken into custody and are now being held pending the preferential charges: Harry Barnett, alias Williams; Sam Rosenhaus, Louis Gluckman and Harry Stein, all of Minneapolis, according to Colonel Nutt.

Minnesota agents also learned that large consignments of the preparations were being periodically dispatched to one "Joe Petrasoli," later discovered according to Colonel Nutt, to be a fictitious character, at Glasford. This resulted in the arrest of the farmers.

The daring of a gang of Illinois bootleggers, believed by Federal agents to be connected with the ring operating near Glasford, was disclosed on August 21, when a Chicago & Alton Railroad freight car in transit from Peoria to St. Louis was entered and 133 five-gallon cans of alcohol, five barrels of completely denatured alcohol and two barrels of specially denatured alcohol from a government shipment were stolen.

Rochester Votes 3 to 1 To Repeal Volstead Act

Majority in Favor of Beer and Wine Much Greater; Women Also Favor Change

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
ROCHESTER, Sept. 2.—The newspaper vote being taken in Rochester, after about three weeks' canvass, shows in a most emphatic manner that the citizens are almost unanimously in favor of modification of the Volstead law and its cousin, the Mullan-Gage act. In fact, by a vote of 3 to 1, the people actually voted to repeal the prohibition laws at once.

The canvass is being conducted by "The Rochester Post-Express," and every building, factory and store in the city is being visited. Scores of office buildings and factories have been canvassed, as well as the City Hall and Fire Headquarters. Much enthusiasm prevails, and it is said few persons have refused to vote.

In the big Child Street plant of the Michaels-Stern Clothing Company, where two-thirds of the employees are women, the vote was 50 to 1 in favor of modification, and 4 to 1 in the matter of repealing both the laws and the Eighteenth Amendment.

The total vote to date is more than 15,000, and is divided thus: For modification and in favor of light wines and beer, 11,913; against, 1,660; for repeal of the amendment, 7,858; against, 2,474; for repeal of Volstead act, 8,041; against, 2,543.

Pope Talks in Hebrew To Jewish Visitors

Joshua Goldberg, of this city, who arrived here yesterday from Cherbourg on the Cunard liner Mauretania, expressed enthusiasm over the democratic ways of Pope Pius XI, who recently received him at the Vatican. Mr. Goldberg arranged to bring before the Pontiff ten Jewish theological students who had expressed a desire to meet the head of the Roman Catholic Church. With little or no ceremony, Mr. Goldberg and the ten young men of his party were ushered into the presence of Pius XI. He received them with a smile, Mr. Goldberg said, and, after bestowing upon them his blessing in Latin, he talked with them in Hebrew for twenty minutes.

Mrs. Boddy Seeks Parole To See Husband Buried

Friends Advocate Her Release From Auburn Prison to Attend Funeral

Efforts to obtain a two-day release from Auburn prison for Mrs. Luther Boddy, wife of the negro executed at Sing Sing for the murder of two New York detectives, were begun yesterday by friends to enable her to attend the funeral here to-morrow. The woman is serving a sentence for violation of parole.

Boddy, whose body was viewed by hundreds of curious negroes and a sprinkling of whites at the undertaking establishment of H. Adolph Howell, 107 West 138th Street, all Friday afternoon and evening and again until late yesterday, will be buried from the C. M. E. Church, 180th Street, near Seventh Avenue. Burial will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Flushing.

Two Major Generals Retired on Application

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Major General Francis J. Kernan, commanding the 7th Corps area, with headquarters at Omaha, and George R. Bell Jr., commanding the 6th Corps area, headquarters at Chicago, to-day were retired from active service in the army, effective December 1 and November 30, respectively.

War Record Looms Before La Follette In Tuesday's Vote

Wisconsin Voters Given First Chance to Pass on Senator's Attitude; College Head Is Rival

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 2. (By the Associated Press).—United States Senator La Follette's war record in Washington will be one of the issues before Wisconsin voters Tuesday when Senator La Follette will seek re-election in the Republican primary election against William A. Ganfield, president of Carroll College and candidate of the Citizens' Republican wing.

Throughout the campaign closing to-day, Senator La Follette has pointed with pride to his war record in the Senate and to his opposition to certain measures, notably the transportation act and the tariff.

Dr. Ganfield, on the other hand, criticized La Follette's war record, warned his hearers in his campaign speeches to beware of "untried radical theories" and asserted that "of all the radical things La Follette has proposed the one most subversive is his proposal to take away from the Supreme Court the final decision as to the constitutionality of our laws."

The Democratic race for the Senatorial nomination is being run alone by a woman, Mrs. Jessie J. Hooper. A call has been sounded by her party to voters to stick to their own ticket that she might get the necessary 10 per cent vote to put her name on the ballot in November.

Mr. La Follette, in his campaign talks, called the Fordney-McCumber tariff a "robber tariff." He laid particular stress on his stand on questions relating to the World War.

"By the four-power treaty we have become bound to obligations as un-American as those contained in the rejected and discredited Treaty of Versailles," Senator La Follette was quoted as having declared. "By the terms of the treaty we have entered in an alliance with the three most imperialistic nations of the world."

Mr. Ganfield said he could not see how it was possible for a man "to have one foot on the Republican platform and the other on the Socialist platform," commenting on the indorsement given his opponent, Senator La Follette, by the Socialist state convention and by Victor L. Berger, when that party refrained from making a nomination against La Follette.

On the question of prohibition he said he believed the constitutional amendment should be enforced, but recognized the rights of citizens to advocate repeal or amendment. He is supported by the Anti-Saloon League.

Ends Life Brooding Over Hopeless Love

H. C. Hammit, of Rome, Ga., Left Letter for Woman Who Is Prominent in Society

An unhappy love affair caused the suicide of Harry C. Hammit, a railroad claim agent of Rome, Ga., who was found dead yesterday in his room at the Hotel Pennsylvania with an empty strychnine bottle nearby.

A letter to a Southern woman prominent in society explained that the suicide was caused by her. Hammit and those of her family, but that he hoped he would meet her in heaven. The medical examiner refused to divulge the name of the woman.

Hammit wrote the Associated Press saying that he had been brooding over the matter for some time. He had been in New York a week, but the first part of the statement was written in Rome, leaving representatives of the Southern railroad were notified and immediately announced that they would take charge of the body.

Pope Resumes Audiences

ROME, Sept. 2. (By The Associated Press).—Pope Pius to-day resumed the holding of private audiences, which had been suspended for some time while the floors of the Consistorial Hall and the Papal apartments were under repair. Taking advantage of a fall in the temperature after a storm to-day, the Pope walked in the Vatican gardens, instead of using his new automobile.

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